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SUBJECT: VIF TAVOLARA STATION - INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING  
(NATO)

REF: USNATO 2029, ROME 3082

PASS COMMERCE

1. CLASSIFIED ENGLISH TEXT OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION TAVOLARA (SARDINIA) STATION PROJECT AIRPOUCHED MAY 3 RD, REG NO. 786176, TO BIC STOP 267. (INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING NO 136/M).
2. NAMES US FIRMS WISHING TO BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE THIS PROJECT REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED TO MOD BY 26 MAY 1973 EITHER THROUGH EMBASSY OR USMISSION TO NATO WITH STATEMENT THAT SUCH FIRMS HAVE CONFIDENTIAL SECURITY CLEARANCES.
3. SUGGEST MOST EFFICIENT PROCEDURE WOULD BE FOR DEPT TO CABLE NAMES AND ADDEES TO EMB OF FIRMS WISHING TO BE INVITED TO BID WITH STATEMENT AS TO REQUIRED SECURITY CLEARANCES. DEPT WILL NOTE PARA TEN OF OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION WHICH STATES THAT NAMES OF AGENTS WHO MUST PERSONALLY BE CLEARED FOR CONFIDENTIAL AND WHO WILL CARRY OUT SITE INSPECTION JUNE 11-16, MUST BE SUBMITTED TOGETHER WITH APPLICATIONS FOR INVITATION.
4. ABSTRACT OF CLASSIFIED BID ANNOUNCEMENT:  
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A. TIME LIMIT FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS FOR PARTICIPATING  
MAY 26, 1973; TIME LIMIT FOR SENDING OUT INVITATIONS TO BID  
JULY 15, 1973; TIME LIMIT FOR BID SUBMISSION OCT 15, 1973.

B. AGENTS WHO WILL CARRY OUT JUNE 11-16 INSPECTION MUST BE PRE-  
SENT AT THE CAPITANERIA DI PORTO DI OLBIA AT 4 PM, JUNE 11,  
1973, WITH A LETTER OF INTRODUCTION FROM FIRMS AND PERSONAL IDEN-  
TIFICATION DOCUMENTS. SEE PARA THREE ABOVE RE SECURITY CLEARANCES.

C. WORK IS RESTORATION OF VIF AERIAL SYSTEM IN NORTH SARDINIA  
EXPECTED TO TAKE 180 DAYS. THE SYSTEM WAS INSTALLED IN 1964 AT A  
COST OF 500 MILLION LIRE ON TAVOLARA ISLAND APPROX 10 MILES OFF  
SARDINIA FACING OLBIA HARBOR. FIVE FRAMEWORKS ARE INSTALLED ON  
THREE MOUNTAIN PEAKS (482 M. 279 M. AND 185 M.) WITH WIRES AT  
HIGHEST ELEVATION 600 M., LOWEST 300 M. LONGEST SIDE APPROXIMATELY  
1000 M. WIRES ASCE TYPE GLAVANIZED STEEL- ALUMINUM, 32 TO 45 MM  
DIAMETER. OVERALL WEIGHT OF WIRES, INSULATION, DESCENT STRUC-  
TURING, ETC, ABOUT 45 TONS.

D. GROUND IS IRREGULAR, AREA IS MOUNTANOUS AND SUBJECT TO HIGH  
WINDS, GROUND TRANSPORT ON ISLAND DIFFICULT AND IT WILL BE NECE-  
SSARY TO HIRE A VESSEL FOR OLBIA- TAVOLARA TRANSPORT. WORK CAN BE  
CARRIED OUT ONLY IN SPRING- SUMMER.

E. WORK CONSISTS IN LOWERING AND DISMANTLING PRESENT WHOLE SYS-  
TEM, INSTALLING AND RAISING A NEW ONE. WINCHES ALREADY INSTALLED  
IN TOWERS. GENERAL OVERHAUL OF ALL ELEMENTS OF SYSTEM AND EXAMIN-  
ATION OF GUYS, HALYARDS, ETC. AERIAL WIRES ARE TO BE OF A DIFFER-  
ENT MATERIAL THAN NOW USED AND SHOULD GUARANTEE AT LEAST TEN YEARS  
WEAR IN THE HOSTILE WINDY, HUMID AND SALINE ATMOSPHERE.

5. VIEW CLASSIFICATION OF ALL PROJECT DOCUMENT BY ITALIAN MOD AS  
" MOST CONFIDENTIAL" ( RISERVATISSIMO), DEPT WILL HAVE TO ACCORD  
PROJECT SPECIAL HANDLING. VOLPE

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